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UP IN THE AIRWAVES

French radio station facing uncertain future metroNEWS

David Kantro, president of 98.5 CKRH Radio Metro, is asking for help to save the station. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'A debate coming'

MUNICIPALITY

Fire station staffing back before council



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

The contentious debate over staffing at some of the municipality's fire stations will be back before Halifax regional council this week.

A report before council approved by Halifax Fire Chief Doug Trussler recommends converting Station 4 on Lady Hammond Road and Station 13 on King Street to e-platoon — meaning they'd be staffed by career firefighters during the day and volunteers at night — and converting Station 11 on Patton Road to volunteer only.

Council deferred the motion after a heated debate at

City Hall in November.

"We've got a real debate coming up on Tuesday regarding this," said Deputy Mayor Matt Whitman on Sunday.

"I'm not convinced by the chief's proposal and suggestion that there would not be an impact surrounding the stations."

The report includes an option to continue to staff Stations 4 and 13 with career firefighters, but to adopt three-person crews, rather than the four required to respond to a fire alone.

Whitman sees a third option: Spending the extra money required to hire enough firefighters to fully staff all the stations, even if that means raising taxes.

Stations 4 and 13 are in Coun. Jennifer Watts' and Coun. Gloria McCluskey's districts, respectively. Neither could be reached for comment Sunday afternoon.

Columnist Stephen Kimber's take on the debate | metroVIEWS



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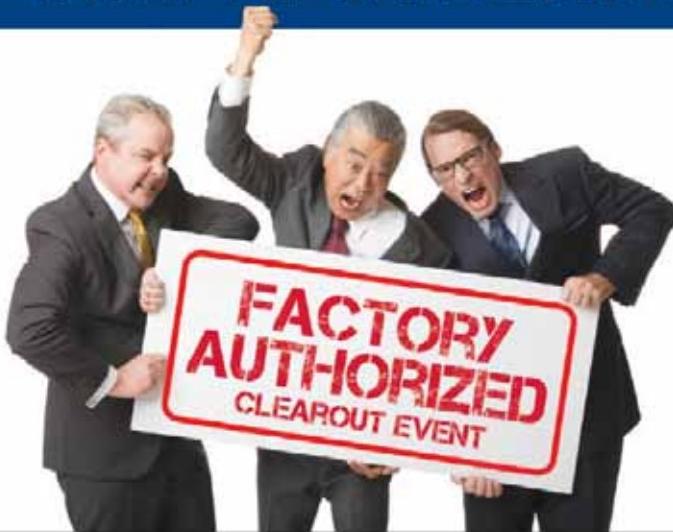
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Sean Penn faces criticism over interview with Mexican drug kingpin 'El Chapo.' **World**

ROBBERY

Used clothing deal takes violent turn

Halifax police are looking for a man and a woman after a violent robbery Saturday night on Herring Cove Road.

Police say a 41-year-old man and a 33-year-old woman were meeting another man and woman in the 300 block of Herring Cove Road at about 10:25 p.m. to sell some clothes.

At some point during the sale, the 33-year-old woman was punched and the suspects fled the area with the clothes.

She was taken to hospital by ambulance with non-life threatening injuries.

Police searched the area with a K9 unit, but came up empty-handed.

Police say they are looking for a man between the ages of 30 and 40 with dark hair, wearing a dark hat, a white bandana and faded jeans, and a thin woman about five-foot-four with dark hair in a ponytail.

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BEDFORD

Driver hospitalized in single-car crash

A crane was called to lift a car out of water following a single motor vehicle accident in Bedford Saturday afternoon.

Halifax Regional Police responded to a report about the incident around 1:50 p.m.

Police say the car was driving down Dartmouth road in Bedford and swerved across the centre line and into on-

coming lanes of traffic. It went off the road down over an embankment, flipped and lodged itself in a brook near 39 Dartmouth Road.

Police believe the female driver may have had a medical issue prior to the collision. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance for assessment.

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CRIME

Raymond Peters murder investigation continues

Police are continuing to investigate the murder of Raymond Peters, three years after the man was shot in a Dartmouth backyard.

Peters, 24, was shot multiple times in the backyard of a home on Primrose

Street after getting into a fight with several men on Jan. 7 around 5:20 p.m., according to a Halifax Regional Police release.

The suspect, who ran away, was described as a black man in his twenties, about 5'8", with a medium build. METRO

INVESTIGATION

The deceased had been there for 'quite some time': Officials



Zane
Woodford
Metro | Halifax

A body found over the weekend in a wooded area in Dartmouth had been there

for "quite some time," police said Sunday.

A man out for a walk in a wooded area near the 200 block of Pleasant Street stumbled upon the body at about 3:30 Saturday afternoon and called police.

Forensic identification units were on the scene Saturday evening and Sunday collecting evidence.

"It got dark quite quickly (Saturday night), and so they wanted to go over the scene again during daylight," said

Staff Sgt. Barb Saunders on Sunday. Saunders said police were awaiting autopsy results from the medical examiner's office before determining whether the death was suspicious, and before releasing the age and gender of the deceased.

She said the autopsy would not be conducted on Sunday, but couldn't say exactly when it would be taking place.

"That's in the hands of the medical examiners for their scheduling," she said.

"I really don't have a specific

LAST SNOWFALL

The region hasn't seen significant snowfall since Dec. 29, according to Environment Canada's historical weather data.

time or date for that."

Saunders said police believed the body had been there for "quite some time," based on the fact that it was "partially under the snow."

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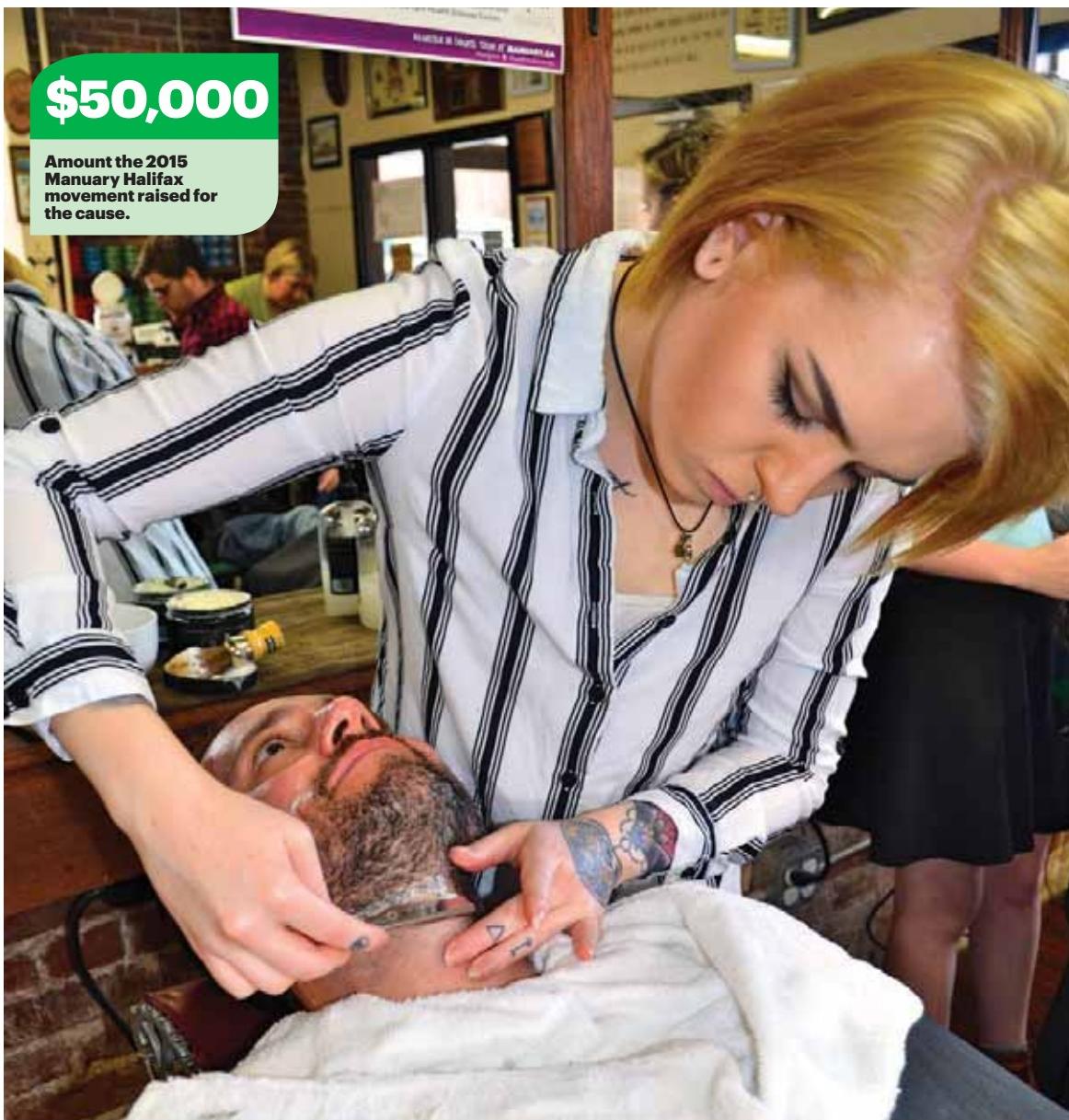
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Head and neck oncologist Dr. Robert Hart gets a close shave by Sailor Bup's barber Robyn Ingraham on Friday to kick off Manuary 2016. The annual beard-growing event raises funds for head and neck cancer. YVETTE D'ENTREMONT/METRO

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MANUARY

Campaign puts a face to head and neck cancer

Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Until Friday he had only ever shaved his own face, but Dr. Robert Hart was happy to go under the blade for a cause that hit close to home.

The head and neck oncologist at the QEII Health Sciences Centre submitted to a close shave at Sailor Bup's Barbershop to help kick off Manuary, a month-long beard-growing awareness and fundraising campaign for head and neck cancer.

As he watched Bill Bean, president and CEO of the QEII Foundation, getting his face shaved with a straight razor, Hart seemed relaxed about his turn in barber Robyn Ingraham's chair.

"They look like they are better with a knife with me so it should be excellent," Hart joked.

The Manuary campaign raises money to support head and neck cancer patients undergoing treatment and also helps fund head and neck cancer research at the QEII.

"It is a relatively unrecognized entity. I think a lot of

people don't recognize that head and neck cancer really exist and what that really means," Hart said.

"It is a growing cancer which is one of the few that is increasing in incidents and it is affecting younger patients and more women."

Hart said the main reason head and neck cancers are on the rise is an increase in human papilloma virus (HPV) infections.

"The incidents of oral pharyngeal cancer in particular (are) related to a latent infection in human papilloma virus and that may affect somebody 10, 20 or 30 years after they've been infected," he said.

So what do you need to know?

Hart said if you have a sore area in your mouth, tongue, tonsil area or throat that doesn't get better after three or four weeks, see your doctor. If you have neck swelling, especially in the lateral part of your neck, that also warrants a visit.

Manuary participants get beard sponsors and let their facial hair grow throughout the month of January. Individuals and teams can register and donors can give to the cause at manuary.ca/go/halifax.

If you can't grow a beard, participate virtually by uploading your photo to manuary.me. Sailor Bup's is also donating \$1 from every shave this month to head and neck cancer patients at the QEII.

RCMP

Pawsitive change for police dog

After six years on the force, one Mountie is heading off for a retirement full of relaxing in Cape Breton — and maybe some games of fetch.

Arik, a Nova Scotia RCMP police service dog from the Bible Hill area, is retiring after hundreds of hours spent tracking, searching and catching suspects at all hours, according to a police release.

The seven-year-old German shepherd is heading to Cape Breton where he will spend lots of time hiking with his new adoptive family, the release said.

For Cpl. Al Hamilton, Arik's handler, it's a bittersweet moment saying goodbye to a loyal partner who helped him respond to 176 calls in 2015 alone.



Arik the police dog RCMP



The only thing Arik really dislikes is getting out of bed in the middle of the night, so now he will be able to sleep all he wants.

Cpl. Al Hamilton,
Arik's handler

British Columbia to meet his sixth canine partner and bring him back to Nova Scotia.

The release said Hamilton and Arik can keep in touch, since a member of Arik's new family is also a Mountie.

HALEY RYAN/METRO



David Kantro, president of 98.5 CKRH Radio Metro, works the station controls Sunday at the studio. CKRH is the only French community radio station in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Tuning in to a big problem

RADIO

Financial woes could force French station off the air

Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Halifax's only French-language community radio station is struggling to pay its bills and more community support is needed to keep it on the air.

That's the message board members are trying to relay in light of a financial crisis that has CKRH 98.5 FM owing \$60,000 to Revenue Canada. The station has also launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise \$20,000 to help cover operating costs for the next year.

"So far we have had good success to keep the radio on the air, but without (more) volunteers and without donations this radio (station) won't make it," said CKRH FM's board president David Kantro.

"Long term, we won't be able

to survive."

On air since October 2007, Kantro said the radio station was born out of a need for an independent local voice dedicated to sharing news, events and information of specific interest to Francophones of varied cultures living in the Halifax area.

It also serves as a training tool for French-speaking university students and those from the region's Francophone schools.

The station currently has no executive director but board members are working with two established non-profit Francophone organizations to find solutions. Kantro said they received a few substantial individual donations in early De-

cember to deal with some of the Revenue Canada debt and now have a repayment plan in place. But funds are still needed to cover operating costs.

"The business model we had before obviously wasn't working and that's one of the reasons why we got into so much debt," he said. "Now we need to start from scratch and bring new people on board and hire people in order to bring in more revenue."

The station is on air 24/7, but Kantro said its current small stable of volunteers and board members alone can't sustain it without more Francophone community involvement. He said many in the broader community are unaware the problem exists.

"We wanted to let them know that the radio is at the point now where if they don't give or they don't act or they don't do anything, the radio will end up closing," Kantro said.

"That will be really unfortunate for the French community here in Halifax because we may not even be able to reopen a French community radio again if we lose our licence."

12,000

According to the non-profit, Dartmouth-based Conseil Communautaire du Grand-Havre, **12,000 Halifax-area residents consider French their first language** and about 45,000 speak and understand it.

WEATHER

Nasty storms bound for Maritimes

Environment Canada has warned of a couple of nasty weather systems affecting the Maritimes.

The national weather forecaster said a mild air mass would reach the region on Sunday, bringing heavy rain and strong

winds to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

It said significant rainfall was expected on Sunday evening, with temperatures dropping on Monday, which could make for icy driving conditions in some areas.

Environment Canada says another system will likely bring heavy rain, snow and strong winds to Atlantic Canada during the middle of the week.

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COMMUNITY

Ethiopian famine spurs Halifax student's fundraiser



Rebecca Dingwell
For Metro | Halifax

When Amina Abawajy read about the drought and resulting famine in Ethiopia, she wanted to do something about it.

"There was no awareness about this issue," Abawajy said Saturday.

According to the United Nations, Ethiopia is currently experiencing its worst drought in decades.

With the support of her family, Abawajy started a GoFundMe page called Not 15 Million in October.

This campaign started with the goal of doing something before the number (of people requiring food aid) reaches 15 million," she explained.

Most recently, it's been estimated 10.2 million people are in need of food aid, according to the Government of Ethiopia.

Abawajy is a Dalhousie University student who was born and raised in Halifax, but both of her parents are from Ethiopia. Abawajy's mother, Sueda Ali, said she is proud of the work her daughter is doing.

"(Amina is) doing something for her mother and father's country," said Ali. "I just feel very happy and I wish everything will be successfully accomplished."

The campaign has spread the word through social media and small fundraisers. They've raised almost \$2,000 online from people across Canada.

"We're really privileged here and it doesn't really hit you in



Amina Abawajy is raising awareness about the ongoing food crisis in her parents' homeland. REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

the face until you see it first hand," said Abawajy.

Abawajy has visited Ethiopia twice, with her most recent visit being last February.

"Even though it wasn't a famine ... there was still so little," she said. "To know that was the norm, and to know right now they're struggling even below that level, I guess that personal connection is what really drew me to this."

On Saturday, the Not 15 Million campaign is putting on a fundraising dinner at Dalhousie. There will be all-you-can-eat Ethiopian food, as well as cultural and traditional performances.

"We really don't want the image of Ethiopia to always be of famine," said Abawajy. "This is the situation we're dealing with right now and what we

want to bring attention to, but we want it to be through displays of culture."

"Just the amount of diversity in one country is incredible and we're very excited to showcase that."

The goal of the fundraiser is to raise \$15,000, which, Abawajy explained, will provide emergency relief to 50 families for a month.

That money will be split between the three Ethiopian regions most affected by the famine. Abawajy has reached out to grassroots organizations in those areas, and Not 15 Million has partnered with them to help people get the food they need.

"We feel this is the best way to move forward in empowering local communities to take action."

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Amina Abawajy



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Military data uncovered

SECURITY

Sensitive info discovered on recycled drive

A 30-gigabyte hard drive found at a recycling depot that a Halifax man says contains personal information — including the names and numbers of defence personnel — has been taken by the military.

Pete Stevens, who works in the electronics industry, said he found the hard drive about a year ago at a recycling depot and, after running recovery software, suspected it previously belonged to the military.

He said he recently decided to sift through the hundreds of files after hearing about security breaches at the military's East Coast intelligence centre and Canadian Forces Base Halifax.

Stevens said he recovered about 10 gigabytes of data from the 30-gigabyte hard drive, including 6,000 photos, spreadsheets with the names and numbers of military personnel and their families and completed applications for security clearance.



Vehicles enter Canadian Forces Base Halifax in fall 2014. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"If that was me, I wouldn't want somebody like me having that information," Stevens said in a phone interview on Saturday. "I don't think we want to see any of our people serving in uniform exposed like that."

Stevens said military officials retrieved the hard drive Friday.

Military spokesman Maj. Martell Thompson said investigators are assessing the nature of the data on the hard drive.

He said the incident is "high-

ly unusual." Protocols implemented in 2008 require hard drives to be destroyed once they are no longer operational.

"I've not heard of something like this happening before," said Thompson on Saturday. "The Department of National Defence policy dictates that once hard drives are life-cycled out of operation, they are removed from Canadian Armed Forces networks and sorted prior to destruction."

Stevens said the files on the hard drive appear to be from the years 1999 to 2005.

He said he used basic software to recover the files and predicts he got about half the information on the hard drive. He said recovering personal information from discarded hard drives is not uncommon, but he was surprised and concerned in this case because of the nature of the information.

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Obviously you don't normally come across things like this. I was definitely surprised to see what I saw. Pete Stevens

AIR TRAVEL Flight sent back to Stanfield

An Air Canada plane made an emergency landing at Stanfield International Airport on Friday evening.

Air Canada said the pilot of Flight 623 reported an "acid odour" shortly after takeoff from Halifax and returned as a precaution.

Initial reports suggested smoke in the cockpit, but an Air Canada spokesman said that was not the case.

The Embraer 190 regional jet was bound for Toronto with 66 passengers on board.

Air Canada said the plane landed normally and there were no injuries reported.

Passengers were expected to be put on a later flight.

The aircraft was to be inspected to determine the cause of the odour. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Number of passengers aboard Embraer 190, which had been bound for Toronto.

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'This isn't who we are'

VANCOUVER

PM, McCallum slam pepper-spray attack on Syrian refugees

Matt Kietyka
Metro | Vancouver

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was one of many Canadian public figures who denounced a pepper-spray attack on Syrian refugees in Vancouver at the weekend.

The police called it a "hate-motivated crime," and Canadians joined in condemning the attack. It happened as about 100 people — including several newly arrived refugees

— congregated outside Vancouver's Muslim Association of Canada Centre after a welcome ceremony on Friday night.

Vancouver Police Department Chief Adam Palmer said an unidentified male person riding by on a bicycle approached the group and pepper-sprayed them. Fifteen people were treated for exposure to pepper spray.

"It's a very troubling situation and the actions of one man have shed a negative light on a lot of the positive work that has been done to welcome the

Syrian refugees into our communities," Palmer said, adding that police were looking for the man.

"I condemn the attack on Syrian refugees in Vancouver," Trudeau wrote on Twitter.

A high-profile member of Canada's Syrian community said the pepper spraying was likely a one-off event and doesn't reflect how the majority of Canadians view the newly arrived migrants.

Tima Kurdi — the aunt of three-year-old Alan Kurdi, who drowned while fleeing civil strife in Syria — says the support Canadians have shown to refugees is "unbelievable" and they shouldn't be blamed for Friday night's incident.

"To be honest, Canadian people would not do this, the majority of them," Kurdi said. "They are big supporters to the refugees."

Canada's Immigration Minister John McCallum described it as an "isolated incident" that won't tarnish the country's migrant-friendly reputation.

"This isn't who we are — and doesn't reflect the warm welcome Canadians have offered."

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said the incident "was a disgusting display of hate — and Vancouver won't stand for it."

Canada has committed to accepting 25,000 refugees from Syria by the end of February.

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Tima Kurdi



Flames from a wildfire near Oliver, B.C., in August last year.

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A crew battles a blaze in the La Ronge area on northern Saskatchewan in July.

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An air tanker drops fire retardant on a hillside in West Kelowna, B.C. in July.

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PARKS

Wildfires drain firefighting reserves

\$14 million

The cost of services last summer. Parks Canada reserves about \$8 million a year to fight fires.

Wildfires scorched a record amount of Canada's national parks last year — the latest in a number of long, hot summers that have almost entirely depleted Parks Canada's firefighting reserve.

"We had a very busy fire year," said director of fire management Jeff Weir. "We had more wildfires than normal and those fires burned larger areas than normal."

The agency's annual fire report recorded 122 wildfires in 2015 that burned through 4,600 square kilometres — seven times the area of the city of Toronto. The yearly average is 82, and, in 2014, the amount of park land burned in non-pre-

scribed fires was 3,000 square kilometres.

Most of the damage in 2015 occurred in a single park. Fire licked through 3,700 square kilometres of Wood Buffalo on the boundary between Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

Parks Canada reserves about \$8 million a year to fight fires. Any money not spent is rolled

into a reserve to be used in busy seasons.

Lightning strikes on tinder-dry forests made 2015 the third big fire year in a row. Firefighting cost \$14 million last summer and the reserve is pretty much depleted, Weir said.

If it becomes necessary, the money would probably come from funds earmarked for other ecological restoration projects, Weir suggested.

Climate scientists have predicted that busier fire seasons will be one consequence of global warming and that will affect the parks, Weir said.

"If climate change is going to result in longer and drier summers ... we're going to have a

longer fire season, which will result in more ignitions and larger fires. Climate change is likely to increase our fire load across Canada."

Parks Canada also set a record for prescribed burns in 2015 — fires set and controlled by staff to duplicate a forest's natural cycle of burn and rejuvenation. The agency set 28 such fires in 12 national parks, from Waterton Lakes in southwestern Alberta to Louisbourg in Nova Scotia.

Prescribed burns help restore a forest's natural mix of plant species and ages, which also helps keep normal populations of animals in the park.

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Library gets Stalin daughter's letters

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A new collection arriving at the University of Toronto library reveals what it was like to grow up — quite literally — under one of the 20th century's most famous dictators.

The Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library has just acquired a collection of letters written by Svetlana Alliluyeva, the only daughter of former Soviet leader Josef Stalin.

"Can you imagine having Stalin as your father?" said the library's director, Anne Donderman. "She had an amazing and difficult life. Her mother committed suicide when she

was young, members of her family were disappeared, her first lover was sent to Siberia, and the list just goes on."

Written towards the end of Alliluyeva's life, the letters were sent to British artist Mary Burkett. The two women initially discussed art, but quickly developed a deeper friendship.

"She seemed to feel a bond with Mary from the start and she told her quite a bit about her personal life and what it was like growing up with her father," Donderman said.

The correspondence was put up for auction after Burkett's death, and secured by author Rosemary Sullivan, whose recent book, *Stalin's Daughter*, is an intensely researched account of Alliluyeva's life.

IN BRIEF

New anti-nuke effort

Canada plans to kick-start a long-stalled international effort aimed at ridng the world of the key ingredients needed for nuclear weapons. Canada's United Nations ambassador to Geneva will spearhead the creation of a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty or FMCT.

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Line 9 heads for top court

The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation is taking its fight against Enbridge Inc., the National Energy Board and the Attorney General of Canada over the controversial Line 9 pipeline — which runs between Sarnia, Ont., and Montreal — to the Supreme Court of Canada.



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GERMANY

Cologne attacks must be investigated: Minister

German authorities need to quickly determine whether a string of New Year's Eve sexual assaults and robberies in Cologne blamed largely on foreigners may be linked to similar offences in other cities, the justice minister said in comments published Sunday.

Authorities and witnesses say the attackers were among about 1,000 people, mostly men, gathered at Cologne's central train station, some of whom broke off into small groups that groped and robbed women.

"If such a horde gathers in order to commit crimes, that appears in some form to be planned," Justice Minister Heiko Maas told the newspaper Bild.

"Nobody can tell me that this was not co-ordinated or



Police use pepper spray to control protesters of the New Year's Eve sex attacks on Saturday in Cologne, Germany.

SASCHA SCHUERMANN/GETTY

IN BRIEF

France's president, dignitaries honour victims of extremist attacks in Paris

France's President Francois Hollande and other dignitaries held a special ceremony Sunday to honour all those killed in Islamic extremist violence around Paris in 2015 — a year when the European way of life was targeted time and again with deadly consequences.

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prepared."

The attacks are still being investigated, but police have said their focus is on suspects of primarily North African origin, which has put pressure on Chancellor Angela Merkel's government and its open-door policy to asylum seekers. Nearly 1.1 million migrants arrived in Germany in 2015 alone.

She announced a proposal Saturday that would make it easier to deport migrants who commit crimes, which still needs parliamentary approval.

Cologne police said Sunday that 516 criminal complaints had now been filed with them in connection to the New Year's attacks, about 40 per cent of which involve allegations of sexual offences.

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U.S. Islam advocacy group seeks apology from Trump

An advocacy group is seeking an apology from Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump after a Muslim woman standing in silent protest at one of his rallies was heckled and escorted out. CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad said Saturday afternoon she hadn't received any response.

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MEXICO

Authorities raided hideout days after chat

Mexican officials say Sean Penn's contacts with drug lord Joaquin (El Chapo) Guzman helped them track the fugitive down — even if he slipped away from an initial raid on the hideout where the actor met him.

Penn's article on Guzman was published late Saturday by Rolling Stone magazine, a day after Mexican marines captured the world's most wanted kingpin in a raid on the city of Los Mochis in the Gulf of California.

Penn wrote of elaborate security precautions, but also said that as he flew to Mexico on Oct. 2 for the meeting: "I see no spying eyes, but I assume they are there." He was apparently right.

A Mexican federal law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Penn interview led authorities to Guzman in the area of Tamazula, a rural part of Durango state.

They raided Guzman's remote hideout a few days after the interview and narrowly missed capturing Guzman, whose July escape from Mexico's top security prison — through a 1.5-kilometre tunnel — had embarrassed President Enrique Pena Nieto and made his capture a national priority.

Describing the capture, Attorney General Arely Gomez said that investigators had been aided in locating Guzman by documented contacts between his lawyers and "actors and producers" interested in making a film about him. Two months after that close call, marines finally caught him in a residential neighbourhood of Los Mochis, where they'd been monitoring a suspected safe house.

Penn wrote that Guzman was interested in having a movie filmed on his life and wanted Mexican actress Kate del Castillo, who had portrayed a drug trafficker in a television series, involved in the project.

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CRITICISM

Sean Penn's interview with Guzman has prompted criticism throughout the U.S. and led some social media satirists to wonder whether the actor will hold other interviews with leaders of terror organizations, such as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and al-Qaida.



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MIDDLE EAST

Afghan forces thinned out by 'ghost' soldiers

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per cent of registered forces don't exist, and says the lack of manpower has helped the Taliban seize 65 per cent of the province — Afghanistan's largest — and threaten the provincial capital, Lashkar Gah. Those men who do serve face even greater danger because of the no-shows. In the last three months alone,

some 700 police officers have been killed and 500 wounded, he said.

The Defence Ministry declined

to comment on ghost security forces. Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqqi acknowledged the problem and said an investigation has been launched, the results of which should be made public in about a month.

"No one knows the exact numbers of the Afghan National Defence Forces," an Afghan official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief media on the topic. He said the best internal estimates put the number at around 120,000, less than a third of what's needed to secure the country.

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A woman reads La Jornada newspaper in Mexico City on Sunday which shows a picture of drug lord Joaquin Guzman, aka "El Chapo," right, shaking hands with actor Sean Penn. Authorities hope to question Penn about his interview. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Penn interview left trail to drug lord

IN BRIEF

France's president, dignitaries honour victims of extremist attacks in Paris

France's President Francois Hollande and other dignitaries held a special ceremony Sunday to honour all those killed in Islamic extremist violence around Paris in 2015 — a year when the European way of life was targeted time and again with deadly consequences.

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U.S. Islam advocacy group seeks apology from Trump

An advocacy group is seeking an apology from Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump after a Muslim woman standing in silent protest at one of his rallies was heckled and escorted out. CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad said Saturday afternoon she hadn't received any response.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD: ROSIE ON ROSIE

The CBC announced Rosemary Barton's appointment as the official new host of Power & Politics last week, which should come as no surprise to anyone who witnessed her famous dressing down of former immigration minister Chris Alexander.

Forceful, yet affable. Sharp, but not cutting. Rosemary Barton holds court nightly with politicians from across the country as the official new host of Power & Politics.

The CBC announced the appointment last week, which should come as no surprise to anyone who witnessed her famous dressing down of Chris Alexander over the Syrian refugee crisis in September. Or perhaps to anyone who's watched her captain the show since.

Her appointment lends stability to a program thrown into disarray after former host Evan Solomon's public downfall over revelations he took a cut from art deals with some of the show's guests. And it puts her in the position of earning the public's trust when many high-profile journalists are viewed with skepticism for cosying up too closely to the powerful people they're meant to scrutinize.

"You have some sort of relationship with them," Barton tells me over Skype from the CBC's Ottawa bureau. "You have to keep that relationship, it has to be respectful, but at the same time you have to go toe-to-toe with them, because otherwise you're not going to get the answers you need."

Throughout our conversation, Barton is friendly, chatty,

quick to laugh. On-air, though, she aims to be tough. "There is an understanding that we all have jobs to do. You can be frustrated or angry or mad at someone if they're being too tough on you one day, but that is how democracy works. I've had people pout after an interview, but I've never had

training ground as a reporter for the CBC at the National Assembly in Quebec City, at a time of high tension over sovereignty issues.

"I not only fell in love with politics, but I also felt in love with that kind of reporting," she says. "Because I was a young woman, working in



HONEYMOON'S OVER The CBC's Rosemary Barton told Rosemary Westwood that her tough questions are upsetting people who want to see Trudeau succeed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

anyone say, 'Well I'm never coming back on the show because it was too hard.'

Born in Winnipeg in 1976, Barton didn't grow up with dreams of political reporting. A professor put her up for a job as a chase producer for a program on ICI RDI, the CBC's French news network, while she was studying French literature at College Universitaire de Saint-Boniface. That led to a master's degree in journalism from Carleton, by which point she was hooked on TV reporting.

"I like the power of TV, and I know it's potentially waning for all sorts of reasons, but it's immediate. It's the, you know, news is breaking, and you run in front of a camera and tell the story."

She found a pivotal political

her second language (French), having to try and get English clips from people, I had to be pretty aggressive. People working at the National Assembly are some of the top political reporters in the country. You had to be really ballsy, for lack of a better word, and I learned a lot."

Barton moved to Ottawa, and by the time crisis hit Power & Politics, she was the regular Friday host and fill-in for Solomon. In June, after he was fired, Barton took over as interim host. In August, Stephen Harper called the federal election. Bemoaned by some for its record length, the campaign proved crucial for Barton's chops as host.

"Both the length of the campaign and the intensity of that campaign helped me get

better, for sure. If it had been a 30-day campaign, I'm not sure I would have been able to get where I needed to go."

She cites Peter Mansbridge among the reporters she admires. From Don Newman, former Power & Politics host, she learned the art of being a gentleman "while being difficult." From Susan Bonner, a mentor figure who filled in for Newman, she found support as a woman in politics.

Amid the extended honeymoon for Trudeau's Liberals, Barton — an admittedly deep cynic — now finds herself in the odd position of getting flak from the audience for being too hard on the government.

"The amount of ripping I get on Twitter when I say to John McCallum, 'Hey, you broke your promise on the refugees, huh?' (They're) not welcome, those questions, from lot of Canadians who want to see this government succeed, and who are all about the sunny ways."

A pause.

"I don't really care," she says with a short laugh. "At some point over the next four years, a promise will be bent or broken and the government will disappoint people, and it's important people know that they say one thing and they're doing something else."

Most especially, she foresees trouble with the Liberals' budget promises.

I tell her I want to end on a topic close to my heart: whether she goes by Rosie or Rosemary (her Twitter handle says one thing, her bio another and on-air, guests and colleagues call her both). As it turns out, either one is fine.

"To my friends I'm Rosie, and I guess I have a lot of friends now," she says.

It could be our turn to rescue firefighters — from budget cuts

HALIFAX MATTERS

Stephen Kimber



On Tuesday, Halifax Regional Council will once again ponder the question: How many firefighters does it take to make our city safe?

What kind, and in what combinations? Permanent? Volunteer?

Where should firefighters and their equipment be located? And — perhaps most importantly — how much are we willing to pay for what we say we need?

The answers matter, potentially in a life-and-death way. But there is no simple yes-or-no answer to any of them.

Is it about what fire Chief Doug Trussler calls "reallocating resources to better match our risk," or is it, as Dartmouth Coun. Gloria McCluskey would have it, about having a fire service that makes citizens "feel safe"?

Last spring, councilors instinctively said no to Trussler's "best professional advice," and refused to shutter three urban fire stations — in north-end Halifax, downtown Dartmouth and Sackville — and four rural ones he claimed were redundant and whose residents could be better served from neighbouring stations.

At the time, Trussler said council's "No" vote would force him to hire 59 new firefighters and cost the city an additional \$6 million.

In November, he returned with a new, slightly modified

proposal to staff two of the urban stations with full-timers during the day and volunteers nights and weekends, and turn the Sackville station into an all-volunteer service.

The trade-off: moving 40 firefighters to areas he says need them more, and allowing aerial trucks in Dartmouth and Halifax to each be fully staffed.

The complications: The fire service hasn't been able to recruit enough volunteers to fill the slots now available, and volunteers traditionally take longer to get to fires.

More generally, but as significantly, we have developed understandable distrust of public officials and corporate spokespersons who tell us we can do better with less when the opposite is usually true.

Which may explain why more than 175 people showed up at a Dartmouth community meeting last week to vent their opposition to the idea. The chief, whose plan it was, was not invited. Which is too bad.

The issues are multi-dimensional — urbanization, expanding suburbs, national response time standards, changing technology, evolving data collection, economic trade-offs — and the discussion needs to be multidimensional too. Are councilors up to that challenge? We shall see Tuesday.

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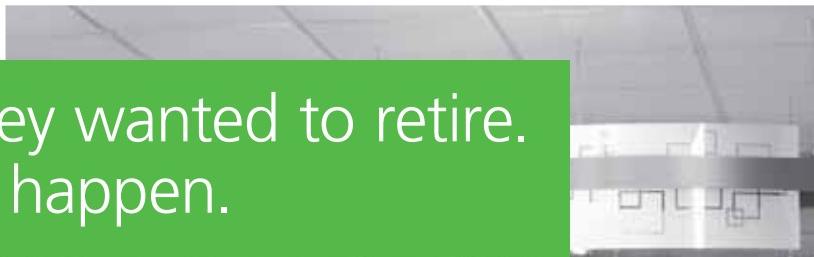
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Getting the most out of this important investment

Michelle Williams

Saving for your retirement is all about planning. If you're ready to contribute to a retirement savings plan (RSP), there are some rules of engagement you should know.

How much, how often?

You can make contributions as often as you like.

"The simplest way in terms of budget is to make regular contributions and sync it to your payroll deposits so you can make automated payments to your RSP," says Alan Cameron, investment advisor for Investment Planning Counsel. For freelancers or others who don't get a regular paycheque, make contributions throughout the year as funds permit.

"The big benefit of doing this versus racing to make a lump-sum payment at the end of the RSP season is that you can benefit from additional months of growth on your in-



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vestment because your money has been working for you longer," he says.

How much you contribute is also up to you, though there are limits — you can see exactly what your maximum allowable contribution is by looking at the bottom of your notice of assessment.

"In any given year, the amount of RSP deduction room you're granted is based on your

previous year's income, times 18 per cent, minus pension adjustments — anything that went into pensions on your behalf by your employer," explains Cameron. "Also added to this are any unused contribution allowances going back to 1991."

The interesting thing about investing in January and February (during the first 60 days of the new year) is that you can use those contributions toward

either the previous or the current year.

"For those who want to make a contribution by the deadline, it can be the difference between owing money and getting a refund," Cameron says. "But you also have the option to use it against the coming year."

How can you maximize your tax savings?

Take advantage of a spousal RSP.

"The spouse who makes the contribution — presumably the higher-earning spouse — gets the tax deduction," says Ron Dale, partner at Bongard Dale Fried Chartered Accountants. "And if the money stays in the RSP for at least three years from the date of the last contribution, the income stays with the lower-income spouse to be taxed at a lower rate when it's withdrawn."

How long should you be contributing?

Once you turn 18, you can contribute to your RSP until Dec. 31 of the year you turn 71. At some point before the end of that calendar year, your RSP must be converted to an RIF (retirement income fund) and you must begin withdrawing your money. Tax-deferred growth continues until the money is withdrawn, then you're taxed based on your current income.

"Under the old rules," explains Cameron, "7.38 per cent had to be drawn in the first year. Now it's 5.28 per cent."

RIFs are flexible — beyond the required annual minimum, you can withdraw as much as you want, as often as you want.

Where does the money you've invested go?

Your contribution can be placed in a number of investment vehicles, such as mortgages, GICs, stocks, bonds, currencies, mutual trust funds, and more, says Dale. "There are many investments which can be held in your RSP, called qualified investments, and other investments that are considered non-qualified and cannot go into an RSP. These lists are rather long, but you can go online to see what qualifies and what doesn't."

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It was a night full of surprises

AWARDS

Oscar race still wide open after Golden Globes drama

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

The Hollywood Foreign Press certainly likes surprising people, if their picks for winners of the Golden Globes last night were any indication. The capricious collection of international journalists went against the grain in several categories.

The night started off with plenty of unexpected victories, including Kate Winslet winning best supporting actress for her role in *Steve Jobs*, beating out favourites Jane Fonda and Alicia Vikander; and Maura Tierney winning on the TV side for her supporting role in *The Affair*. The surprises even seems to catch the winners off-guard. "Is this really happening?" Winslet asked from the stage.

In the movie categories, it was a little less shocking as Leonardo DiCaprio won best actor in a motion picture



Matt Damon strikes a pose in the press room with his best actor in a comedy Golden Globe for his starring role in *The Martian*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

drama for his role as legendary frontiersman Hugh Glass in *The Revenant*.

Earlier, Matt Damon took home best actor in a comedy for *The Martian*, beating out The Big Short stars Chris-

tian Bale and Steve Carell. "It's literally been 18 years since I've been here doing this," Damon said during his speech. And Sylvester Stallone stunned the crowd with a win for his reprisal of Rocky

Balboa in *Creed*. In his speech, he thanked his career-defining character for being "the best friend I ever had." But he failed to thank his director, Ryan Coogler,

or co-star, Michael B. Jordan.

But the biggest surprises were on television. *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend* star Rachel Bloom beat out vets like Lily Tomlin and Julia Louis Dreyfus for best actress in a comedy series, and Lady Gaga took home a Globe for *American Horror Story*.

Amazon's little-watched *Mozart in the Jungle* won best comedy series, besting *Veep*, *Orange is the New Black* and *Transparent*, and best actor for star Gael Garcia Bernal. And freshman hacker drama *Mr. Robot* beat out *Game of Thrones* for best series.

At least Jon Hamm's win for the final season of *Mad Men* was expected — and incredibly welcome, and fan favourite Taraji P. Henson brought home a win for



OH, RICKY

Host lives up to his controversial rep

Once again, host Ricky Gervais didn't disappoint, packing in plenty of eyebrow-raising remarks:

- Caitlyn Jenner has done a lot this year for trans visibility. She didn't do a lot for women drivers, though."

- "To be fair, the Martian was a lot funnier than *Pixels*. But to be fair, so was *Schindler's List*."

- "On Matt Damon: "He's the only person Ben Affleck hasn't been unfaithful to."

Empire. And about the only thing that wasn't a surprise was Jennifer Lawrence winning for *Joy*, since the HFPA can't not give an award to her.

With so many surprises and head-scratching, though, it's unclear how this year's Golden Globes wins will impact an already scattershot awards season with no clear frontrunners.

Maybe Thursday's Oscar nominations announcements will solidify a few of the key races.

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Classic to contemporary

Jennifer Lawrence, who won for best actress in a musical or comedy, walks the line between glamour and gamine in Dior.



Golden Girl

Among the metallics crowd, Brie Larson shined with this golden number from Calvin Klein. Larson won for best actress in a motion picture drama. This was Larson's first nomination and award at the Golden Globes.



Old-school glam

Lady Gaga, who won a best actress award for her role in *American Horror Story*, went classic Hollywood with platinum Marilyn hair and a black off-the-shoulder custom dress by Versace.

Shine bright

Her second consecutive nomination for HTGAWM, Viola Davis rocked a Marchesa gown that showcased two of the top trends of the evening: high glitz and a capelet.



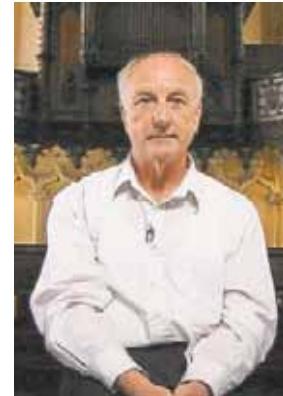
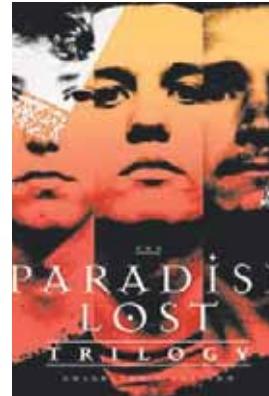
White hot

A muse for the maison, it's no surprise double nominee Alicia Vikander chose to wear Louis Vuitton after appearing in the luxury house's FW15 campaign.

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CRIME DOCS FOR ARMCHAIR DETECTIVES

If you enjoyed Making a Murderer and are looking for more from the genre, here are five must-see true crime documentaries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**1 The Staircase**

Academy Award-winning documentarian Jean-Xavier de Lestrade made this hugely compelling, eight-part series in 2004, focusing on North Carolina newspaper columnist and novelist Michael Peterson, whose wife Kathleen died under mysterious circumstances in 2001 at the bottom of a set of stairs in their home. Michael claimed Kathleen fell, yet he was convicted of her murder in 2003. However, that wasn't the story's end. A slew of startling revelations about Michael Peterson are woven into the film and, even if you'd firmly decided who to believe by the end of it, de Lestrade furthers the debate with a 2012 sequel (*The Staircase 2: The Last Chance*) that you'll want to check out. A third is reportedly in the works too. **Available on:** Amazon.ca

**2 The Jinx:
The Life and Deaths of
Robert Durst**

This HBO series has just six episodes. But director Andrew Jarecki didn't need more than to stun audiences with his documentary. All he needed was an unforgettably eccentric, bitter multimillionaire suspected of multiple murders, the heinous effect of money on the law and a series ending that will astonish even the most veteran true crime observers. When they say truth is stranger than fiction, *The Jinx* is what they're talking about. **Available on:** HBO on demand

**3 The Central
Park Five**

This 2012 documentary examines the infamous, brutal rape and assault of a female jogger in New York City's Central Park, and five young men who were charged with and convicted of the 1989 crime. Made by Sarah Burns (daughter of documentary icon Ken Burns) and David McMahon, it is a story of racial tensions, class, coerced confession and justice system sinkholes.

Oh and Donald Trump plays a notable, shameful role. Timely for many reasons. **Available on:** Netflix

**4 The
Paradise Lost
trilogy**

In 1993, directors Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky began chronicling the tragic murders of three prepubescent boys in West Memphis, Ark., and the arrests of three teenage boys in connection with the case.

Over the next eight years, they made three films for HBO that paint an utterly disturbing picture of mob mentality, media firestorms and the wrongfully convicted. **Available on:** iTunes

**5 Deliver Us
From Evil**

Made in 2006 by director/producer Amy Berg, this is the story of Catholic priest Oliver O'Grady, who raped and sexually assaulted children in numerous American parishes throughout the 1970s. Rather than being charged for his crimes, O'Grady was transferred around the country by a church hierarchy that knew something was terribly wrong and refused to address it.

O'Grady and his victims are interviewed by Berg. **Available on:** iTunes

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Local goalie gets win vs. Mooseheads



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For Mark Grametbauer, playing — and winning — for the first time inside the Scotiabank Centre on Saturday night was "a great honour."

The backstop from Spryfield grew up watching his hometown Herd play under the bright lights of the then Metro Centre.

The 17-year-old native made 19 saves for the Gatineau Olympiques in his first-ever game protecting the crease since being drafted by the Blainville-Boisbriand Armada.

Grametbauer's Olympiques doubled their goals over the Halifax Mooseheads on Saturday, skating off that Scotiabank Centre ice with an impressive 8-4 win.

"It feels great ... having my family and friends there to support me," Grametbauer said. "But coming out with the win, it's remarkable."

Up until the third period, the final score could have gone either way.

The score was tied up at three-apiece after the first period, and the Olympiques were up 5-4 over the home team after two frames.

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Seahawks' despair erased by 'grace'

NFL PLAYOFFS

Field-goal miss sends Seattle through to face Carolina

Russell Wilson and the Seattle Seahawks needed more than three quarters to warm up at Minnesota, their quest to avenge last year's Super Bowl loss nearly frozen before it began.

The Vikings, after gritting through this grind-it-out wild-card round playoff game, booted their chance to beat the two-time defending NFC champions. Blair Walsh's 27-yard field goal try into the frigid wind hooked left with 22 seconds remaining, handing the Seahawks a 10-9 win over the stunned Vikings on a Sunday in below-zero weather that tied for the third-coldest NFL game on record.

"A lot of people would've folded up and said, 'That's it,' but we've got a team full of fighters," Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman said.

The Seahawks (11-6) didn't score until Russell Wilson's short touchdown pass to Doug Baldwin early in the fourth quarter. Then, a fumble by Adrian Peterson for the Vikings on the next possession set up a field goal by Steven Hauschka.

The Vikings (11-6) took the ball for the deciding drive with



Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman tackles Adrian Peterson on Sunday. Peterson had 45 yards rushing and a pivotal fumble in the Vikings' loss. KIICHIRO SATO/GETTY IMAGES

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1:42 left at their 39 and, aided by a pass interference penalty on Kam Chancellor, drove deep into Seattle's territory. After draining the clock for the seemingly inevitable win, Walsh simply missed the winner after

making all three of his earlier attempts.

"That's called grace," Chancellor said. "That's all it is."

Seattle will play next weekend at Carolina, where the Panthers had a first-round bye in balmy mid-50s weather.

Walsh didn't hide. Holder Jeff Locke had the laces turned in, not out, but there were no excuses to be made.

"You're confident, but you never think that you have it or take it for granted," Walsh

AT WASHINGTON

The Green Bay Packers move on to face the Arizona Cardinals after a 35-18 win in Washington on Sunday.

said, subdued with glassy eyes in the locker room afterward. "I just didn't put a swing on it that would be acceptable by anybody's standards."

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RECIPE Kale, Spinach and Rice Cakes



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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- 1 cup chopped kale
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup cooked Arborio rice
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Lightly grease a muffin pan.
2. In a small pan, melt butter over medium heat. Add garlic and onion and sauté for 2 minutes, until onions are translucent.
3. Place spinach, kale and butter mixture into food processor. Pulse until finely chopped. Transfer to a medium-sized bowl.
4. Add rice, eggs and cheese into bowl. Stir until combined.
5. Pour mixture into prepared muffin tin, leaving about 1 inch at the top. Bake for 20 minutes, or until set and edges are golden brown. Loosen edges with a knife and turn onto a plate. Serve warm with your favourite eggs.

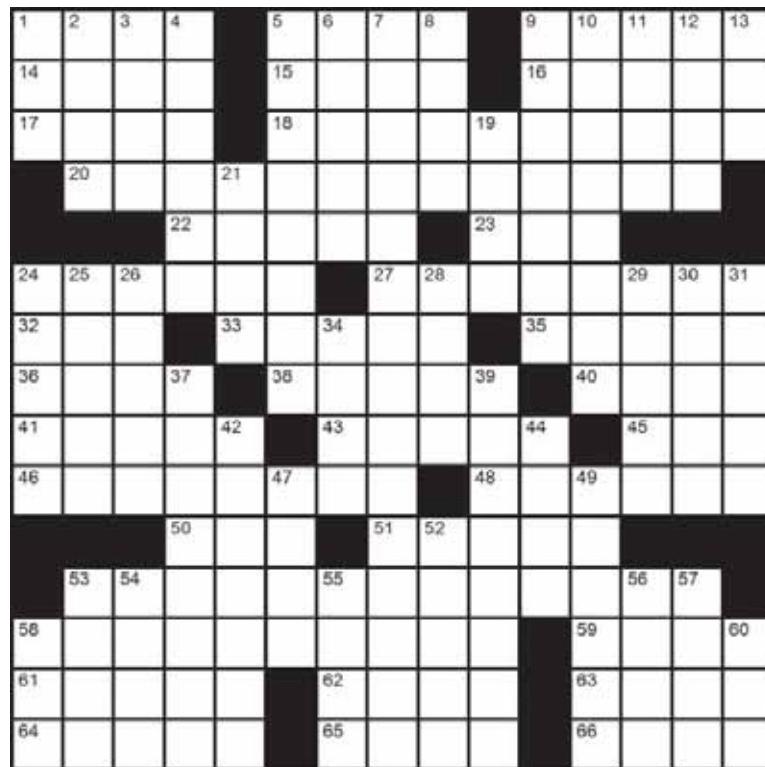
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Thundering sound
5. Moonfish
9. Beach Boys: "John B"
14. Golfer's "Watch out!"
15. Exasperate
16. Mrs. Flintstone
17. Bit of light in (Tilt the blinds)
18. One who tolls from the steeple: 2 wds.
20. Canadian author of the bestseller at #53-Across: 2 wds.
22. Paint kind
23. Butter-milk Sky
24. Dog-starring adventure series
27. Canadian legend Oscar of jazz
32. Blake Shelton's Oklahoma hometown
33. Deep (Restaurant appliance)
35. New __, India
36. Beaks
38. Mister: Spanish
40. Canadian jazz vocalist Matt
41. Latin for 'fault'
43. Valuable holding
45. Ms. West
46. Athlete's activity
48. Horror flick of 1932 that Dracula would enjoy
50. Mr. Somerhalder
51. :)
53. CBC's set-in-19th-century-Newfoundland miniseries of 2002



based on #20-Across' same-named novel:
2 wds.
58. When a goal is expected to be reached: 2 wds.
59. Flatbread variety
61. Blu Cantrell's " __ "

Up Style (Oops!)"
62. Challenger
63. Poet Mr. Pound
64. Having a single component
65. Nuptials exchanges: 2 wds.
66. Dog's "Hey, that hurts!"

DOWN
1. Spiral-shaped light bulb, commonly
2. Tunesmith Lisa
3. Puccini aria: "Vissi d'__"
4. Classic necklaces
5. Satellites in movement

6. Art object
7. Like a trip won on a game show: 3 wds.
8. Sea captain's spot
9. Stylishly added the soft ice cream to the cone
10. Remained, as the

scent of perfume
11. Gymnasts' Korbut
12. Harbinger
13. Golf standard
19. Tooth part
21. Newbie
24. Charging knight's weapon
25. Folie __ (Foolishness shared by two)
26. Canada's wild horses island
28. Ancient love god
29. Fall/decline
30. Lana Del Rey's " __ Can You See"
31. One manufacturing apparel for the swoosh logo sports brand, say
34. Positive votes
37. English __ Spaniel (Sporting dog breed)
39. Those making edits
42. Steve Guttenberg comedy, "Police __" (1984)
44. Mr. Bachman's 47. "How could __?" (It was hard to refuse)
49. Irish actor Colm who starred in #53-Across
52. San __ (California city)
53. Puddle creator
54. "Thou __ lady."
- King Lear
55. Gladiator's 1506
56. Fixed stare
57. British peer
58. Three days after Monday, wee-ly
60. Catch a wink

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20

Good things and good people will come into your life this week. You're so popular that your name is at the top of everyone's guest list. Your only problem is going to be finding the time to keep your admirers happy.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

If you've been thinking about changing direction in your career now is the time to start making some serious moves. All options are open to you, it's just a question of choosing the right one.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

You're the flavour of the month. Don't hesitate to take advantage of people's good feelings toward you. Travel will broaden your horizons.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

Take full advantage of the favourable position you'll find yourself in today. Don't miss out because you think it would be wrong to do well for yourself while others are struggling.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

If a friend or family member says something critical don't think they're trying to put you down. More likely they're trying to make you aware of the mistakes you've been making so you won't make them again.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You'll always reap what you sow, and if recent efforts are anything to go by that means you have a great deal to look forward to. Sit back and enjoy the good things heading your way.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The planets are not only boosting your creativity but also your confidence. Find ways to help loved ones who are not feeling as good about life as you are. With your assistance they will soon be smiling again.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will find it easy to show affection today, even if you are the kind of Scorpio who prefers to keep your feelings to themselves. Let loved ones know you still care for them.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Others will find out soon enough what your opinions are so you might as well come clean now. And if they don't match what most people believe? Then most people are wrong.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Ignore those who say you have been lucky and don't deserve it. They're just jealous that they have to work so hard while everything seems to come easy to you. Yes, life can be unfair at times, but that's how it is.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Try not to be so intense. Rest assured that everything that is meant to happen will happen when the time is right. Relax and let life come to you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

There's so much to be thankful for and yet you seem determined to focus on the very few things that have gone wrong. It's time to lighten up a little and let your heart guide you. You will be happier for it.

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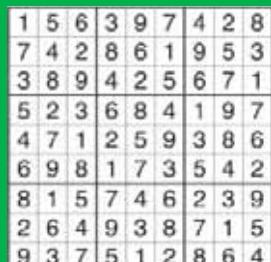
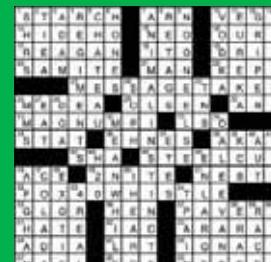
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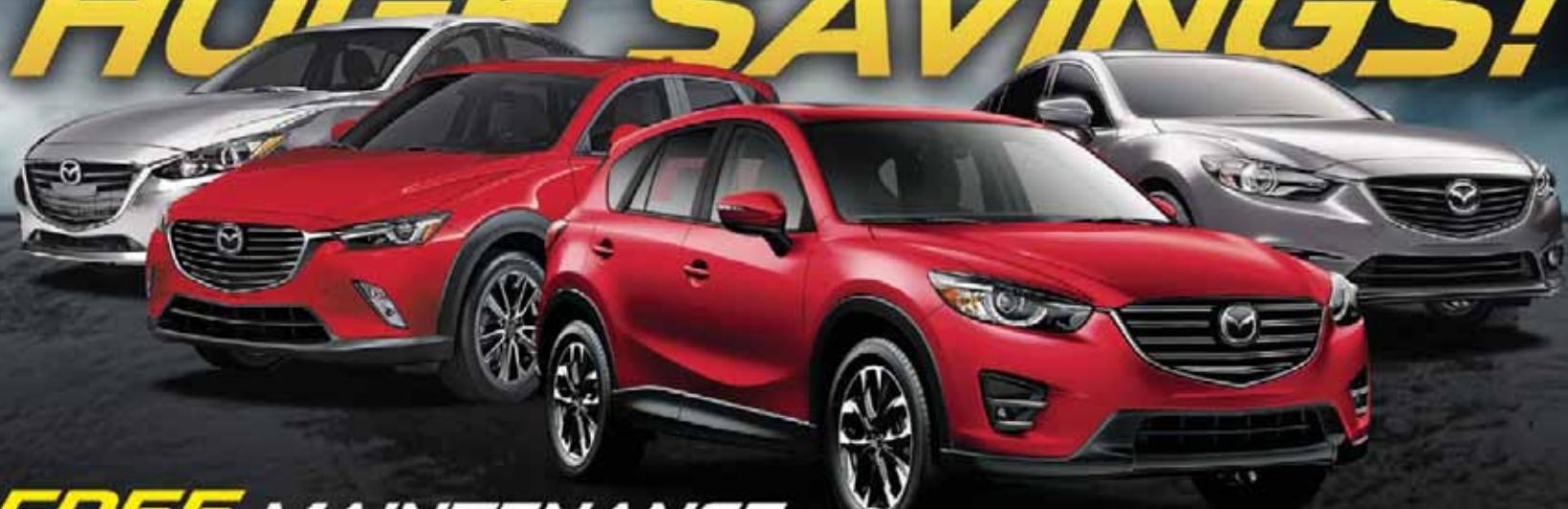


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